

THE FAIR.

BIG THURSDAY--THE FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS.

Ten Thousand People On the Grounds.

Grand Parade of Horses and Cattle.

THE RACES--OTHER INTERESTING NOTES SNATCHED BY OUR REPORTER.

Programme For To-Day.

The third day of the big fair dawned bright and warm, with a brisk refreshing breeze coming to keep the atmosphere cool and balmy. At no time during the day was the heat uncomfortable.

About 8 a. m. the teams began to pour in from the country by hundreds. The numerous horses and other vehicles began to fill the racing lanes, while the foot traffic which ran to and from the grounds, brought in hundreds of people. Everybody knew that it was to be the biggest day of the fair and our citizens with one accord made a break for the exposition. From the iron bridge to the entrance of the grounds there was one continuous line of wagons, carriages, busses, men on horseback and on foot. At the gate were hundreds of teams and pedestrians waiting for a chance to gain admittance, many having to wait for hours before they could turn to get a ticket. The crowds continued to pour in measurably until 2:30 p. m. when we think it safe to say that there were fully ten thousand people on the grounds. Those who ought to know said that the attendance exceeded that of any previous year.

The amphitheatre, with a seating capacity of 2,000, was packed from top to bottom. The Horticultural hall was crowded, as was also all the other halls, in every department were vast multitudes, showing their way to view the grand displays on exhibition, while an equally large number of people were distributed around in various portions of the grounds. All the swings, museums and places of amusement were well patronized, while great throngs could be seen admiring the displays of horses, dogs, cattle and poultry.

It was a subject of general remark that notwithstanding the vast multitude present there was not a single instance of pocket-picking or theft, and it may be said to the credit of the association that the grounds were so thoroughly guarded by police and private watchmen, that it was almost impossible for thieves to ply their operations with success.

Our reporter joined in the throng that surged in and out of the various halls, there was much to see in every one of them, which caused the people to linger within their attractive enclosures, rapt not only in pleasure but at a vast store of information from the various exhibits presented.

As we described nearly all the displays in yesterday morning's issue, we'll not mention all the interesting things of the day, but will give a few selections from the following. In the Golden Rule display is a splendid show of all the latest styles of superior quality. On the hall hangs a few specimens of beautiful Ingrain and Brussels carpets while in the interior is a very large display of fine French Merino dress goods, also some fine specimens of ladies' cloaks, mantles and coats. These are all of fine selections from their heavy stock at No. 122, Douglas avenue.

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Among the finest specimens in the two were two fine thoroughbred stallions belonging to O. B. Hildreth, also one splendid mare, four years old, two stallions owned by Geo. C. Smith, two stallions owned by J. T. Campbell, another by C. F. Tallman; one mare two years old by Daniel Peterson and a fine specimen of a yearling mare, the property of J. R. Stanley. We were unable to see the display of the owners of the cattle but all the prize stock will be on parade this morning and we will speak of them in detail. It being now noon the remainder of the forenoon's programme was continued to the afternoon's proceedings and everybody made a rush to the grounds. It was amusing to witness the scrambling to get into the dining hall of the W. C. T. U. and to the various lunch stands. All these had vast quantities of edibles of every kind but they were all gone in a jiffy and they hurried a lot of teams off to the city for a fresh supply and then not more than half the people were able to get even a lunch.

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Resolved, That there be a circuit formed of the counties of Butler, Conway, Sedgewick, Sumner, for the purpose of holding a series of county fairs, the purpose of effecting a more perfect system of conducting our agricultural fairs.

The following gentlemen were elected by the directors of each county society, two members to constitute the executive committee, consisting of one member from each county, to be empowered to fix the times for holding the fairs of the counties represented and to conduct all business pertaining to the interests of the fairs of the circuit.

Many valuable suggestions were made relative to the management of fairs and reports showed our agricultural society to be in a prosperous condition, when on motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That each fair organization in the proposed circuit be invited to elect delegates to the present chairman of this meeting by the last of December next, and that the said chairman of this meeting shall then name a time and place for the first meeting of the executive board.

W. H. LITTON, President.

CHILDREN FREE.

Fort Scott, Oct. 2, 1884.

C. S. Eichenbush, W. H. Bear, committee.

It affords me much pleasure to offer the schools at Wichita and their teachers, free transportation to the county fairs to-morrow.

W. H. LITTON, President.

CREATED WEALTH.

Only nine Commandments now, there used to be ten, but we had to break one to get a copy of the Wichita Daily Eagle in order to clip the paragraph headed "177,722," showing how wealth is created in Kansas by honest industry, as indicated by the history of Sedgewick county, which has grown up out of nothing in the last dozen years or so, and now has about twenty millions worth of property, not brought there, but created, coaxed out of the rich prairie soil by the gentle tickling of the plow in the hands of her farmers. And the city of Wichita, with her twelve thousand prosperous people, and the handsome daily newspaper which we would prefer doing it ourselves, bringing some third rate office seeker to it while we went home to enjoy the presence that should be there, not only on moonlight nights but in the daylight as well.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A South Market Street Lady Shoots Herself.

A report was current upon our streets last evening that a lady had attempted to end her existence by shooting herself. Our reporter hastened to the scene and found the report to be true. Mrs. Geo. H. Prewitt removed to this city from Ottawa, Ill., about two weeks since and purchased a cozy little home on South Market street in close proximity to the Wichita & Western Railway. Ever since their arrival Mrs. Prewitt has been a dependent state of mind occasioned by her removal from the friends of her youth and her entire new surroundings. Mr. Prewitt became alarmed at her continued despondency and telegraphed for her father, Dr. Godfrey, to come and attend her. He arrived yesterday morning and in company with Mr. Prewitt had occasion to be absent for a short time during the afternoon, leaving her in charge of Mrs. Phillips, wife of C. D. Phillips, of our cracker factory. About 3 o'clock Mrs. Phillips stepped in an adjoining room upon a grand and immediately started by hearing two shots fired in rapid succession, upon rushing into the room she found the lady lying upon the floor. It appears that immediately after Mrs. Phillips leaving the room, Mrs. Prewitt had taken from a drawer in the dressing room a 22-caliber revolver and had fired the fatal shot into her breast, fortunately the ball took a slanting course, otherwise death must have followed instantaneously. No trace of the second bullet could be found. Drs. Fabreque and Purley were summoned and succeeded in extracting the ball which had passed around and lodged in her back. The doctors do not consider the wound necessarily fatal.

Mr. Prewitt stated to our representative last evening that his wife was resting easily. He was at a loss to account for the act, as she was a particularly happy and contented woman and they had always lived most happily together.

THE FRENCH SPY.